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Application No. 09/197,987	:	
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c) filed March 16, 2012, which requests reinstatement of the patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued November 23, 1999. The last day of the grace period for paying the 11.5 year maintenance fee was November 23, 2011. This petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e). Therefore, this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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